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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Webb et al.
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Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN AWARD EXCHANGE BONUS ROUND
AND METHOD FOR REVEALING AWARD EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002, and in accordance with the personal interview courteously granted applicant's representatives on October 23, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:



In the known "go-until" or "do-until" bonus round, the game reveals all unselected awards and terminators associated with the pattern after the player selects a terminator. No specific reference is made as to how or in which manner the game reveals the unselected awards or terminators. Revealing the masks from selected and unselected awards and other gaming device components is well known in the art. No known game, however, reveals awards or other gaming device components in any particular manner or employs any particular method of deciding which awards to reveal first, second, etc. It should be appreciated, that in a game which prompts a player to calculate, weigh options, and explore the consequences of the player's selection, it is desirable to reveal the consequences of the player's selection in a manner that maximizes player excitement and enjoyment.